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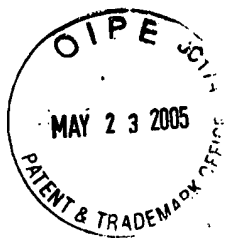
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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated April 22, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Remarks.